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GEORGIA'S BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 5 PERCENT

The State's broiler chick placements totaled 1.37 billion for 2009, down 5 percent from 2008. Georgia continues to lead the US in broiler chick placements during 2009 with nearly 16% of the 19 State Total. Broiler eggs set for 2009 totaled 1.63 billion down 6 percent from 2008. Broiler chicks hatched for 2009 totaled 1.37 billion birds down 5 percent from 2008. Georgia hatched more broiler chicks for 2009 than any other State in the US.

The number of chicken hatcheries in the South Atlantic Region was reduced by 1 hatchery to a new total of 79 hatcheries on January 1, 2010. The total capacity of the South Atlantic Region totaled 292 million eggs which was down from 2009's 295 million egg capacity. The South Atlantic Region of the US accounts for 33 percent of the total US capacity.

Georgia and United States 2008-2009 Broiler-Type: Annual Totals

	Georgia			United States		
	2008	2009	% Change	2008	2009	% Change
	1,000		+/-	1,000		+/-
Broiler Chicks Hatched	1,438,110	1,368,382	-5	9,467,507	9,116,349	-4
Broiler Eggs Set ¹	1,730,231	1,628,715	-6	10,884,984	10,421,085	-4
Broiler Chicks Placed ¹	1,438,504	1,370,976	-5	8,970,662	8,641,628	-4

¹ 19 State Total for United States. 2008: 52 Week Total, Weeks ending January 5, 2008 through December 27, 2008. 2009: 52 Week Total, Weeks ending January 10, 2009 through January 2, 2010.

South Atlantic Region and United States 2009-2010 Chicken Hatcheries: Number and Incubator Egg Capacity on January 1, 2009 and 2010¹

	South Atlantic Region ²			United States		
	2008	2009	% Change	2008	2009	% Change
	1,000		+/-	1,000		+/-
Incubator Egg Capacity	295,482	291,971	-1	903,755	898,284	-1

¹ Hatchery capacity is defined as the number of eggs the machines can hold in a controlled environment favorable for hatching. All setters, hatchers, and inactive capacity are included.

² South Atlantic Region includes: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV. State level breakouts of data are not available.

Source: USDA-NASS, *Hatchery Production 2009 Summary*, April 16, 2010.

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